

English 112 Research Blog Survey

Total Respondents: 49

Please rate the following statements and circle your level of agreement:

I feel that the library information workshops prepared me for the research blog assignments.

Strongly Agree 18

Agree 28

Disagree 3

Strongly Disagree

I feel that the research blog assignments helped me develop my search strategies for the proposal paper.

Strongly Agree 22

Agree 24

Disagree 3

Strongly Disagree

I feel that the pace and deadlines of the research blog assignments were appropriate.

Strongly Agree 18

Agree 27

Disagree 4

Strongly Disagree

I feel that the points awarded for each blog response was appropriate (not too many points, not too few).

Strongly Agree 21

Agree 24

Disagree 4

Strongly Disagree

I received the appropriate amount of feedback on my blog posts.

Strongly Agree 9

Agree 35

Disagree 4

Strongly Disagree 1

The feedback I received was valuable to my research process.

Strongly Agree 16

Agree 26

Disagree 6

Strongly Disagree 1

Blogger was easy to access and use.

Strongly Agree 30

Agree 15

Disagree 3

Strongly Disagree 1

I did not experience any technical difficulties using the blog.

Strongly Agree 21

Agree 23

Disagree 5

Strongly Disagree

Please elaborate on or clarify the ratings above:

- Everything was satisfactory.
- The Blog was helpful.
- Sometimes when logging in to Blogger it wouldn't work. It would redirect me to Akron's log in website. Then, I would have to go back to Blogger. However, it was easy to use once accessed.
- They were gnarly.
- It was easy and simple to use.
- It was good.

- Blogger was hard to access.
- The research blog assignments were easy and simple and helped me with my proposal paper.
- I thought overall that they were helpful and easy to use.
- I thought the library workshops were great and were very informative.
- All ratings are accurate.
- I didn't receive any feedback on my posts so I assumed I was doing everything right.
- I really loved using Blogger because it was very easy to use and helped me a lot.
- The blog was somewhat helpful but since people were doing different topics it was hard to find what they were saying to be useful.
- Could have been spaced out a bit more on the last few. I didn't receive any feedback other than in class.
- Everything about the blog was appropriate to help me with my research.
- Deadlines were too close together, almost never received feedback on my blogs, I don't feel like it really helped my research, and the entire thing was taken too seriously. For this to work it should be more of a light hearted exercise.
- For the last question, it wouldn't let me write on the last couple of blogs once. But then it was fixed next time I tried.
- Very good.
- It was a fun project. I wish we could have more projects like this in the future.
- I strongly agree to most questions because the library workshop was very helpful. Information that I wasn't sure how to look, I learned how to look them up in the various ways.
- The blog was very helpful to me. It was easy to access, appropriately timed and points awarded were fair.
- I felt that the workshops helped me overall.
- The labs were very boring, however they were helpful. I personally never had technical problems but friends in class did.
- Good overall.
- I thought the blog was great. It was very helpful, and I had no problems with it.
- I felt the Blogger was a useful tool that helped me refine my research strategies and keep on pace with writing my paper.
- The blogs helped greatly in the research process.
- I thought the blogs were a great idea. It helped me when I was confused to see what my classmates were doing.
- Workshops were helpful for research but less helpful when doing the blogs.
- I very rarely received feedback, however when I did it was very helpful and helped get me out of a rut.
- One time my blog post showed up on my computer, but not on Deborah's.
- Some of the blogs were repetitive to work I had already done and would have been useful if done earlier.
- My computer would not load but it would on other computers. Some of the deadlines could have been closer together.

- The blog was easy to use and access. I had no problems at all while using the blog.
- Thought it helped and was easy.
- I was much more prepared to do my papers because of the workshop.
- I thought that some of it was a bit repetitive, but it was helpful step-by-step.

What is the most valuable lesson you took from doing the blog?

- Researching is easier when you know how to research effectively.
- I learned how to use an effective process to go through.
- Honestly, nothing.
- That I can organize how I should start off my research papers from now on.
- How to make the best of what search engines I have available.
- Discussing your topic with others helps formulate and improves it.
- How to blog.
- How to use limiters (and/or/not) to find good sources.
- You must stay organized while doing a research paper.
- The organizing throughout all the blogs.
- Time management. I had to make time to do it every day.
- Obtaining easy points.
- The most valuable lesson I took from these blogs were looking at what other students were doing to improve their papers.
- The most valuable lesson I learned from doing the blog was the time management needed for evaluating sources.
- The importance of doing things in small steps.
- It let me understand the correct way of thinking for my paper. The process lead me into my paper easier.
- I learned more on how to develop search strategies.
- Proper way to search.
- Being responsible for knowing when they are due.
- I learned how to modify my key terms to help my research and which databases to use.
- Research strategies.
- Creating search strategies.
- Developing certain search strategies and learning how to cite better.
- Entering search strategies.
- How to discern valuable sources from nonvaluable.
- How to research for certain things on the web and then apply it.
- It was a good exercise to learn how to space out my time.
- It really helped me to think about my paper and what I wanted to write about.
- Learning to express my opinion.
- That working with the library workshop tips along with my class helped my proposal paper.
- Learning the different research tools helped.

- That there is something called Google Blogger.
- A great way to find your search strategy for articles that are scholarly.
- I learned how to find a good source and that other students with similar topic may have helpful sources as well.
- To be prepared.
- Probably the fact that it kept me organized and up to speed with my paper. It helped me not to procrastinate.
- I learned that it is important to stay on track and not get behind with the writing assignments we have. The blogs kept us on schedule.
- Pacing was a valuable lesson. This blog kept me on track with my paper and research.
- The most valuable lesson I took was the ability to use Boolean search strategies.
- To keep on track and not fall behind.
- Finishing for deadline.
- How to use the resources the library has in an organized manner.
- Definitely developing a search strategy.
- I learned a lot about how Blogger works and the importance of good sources.
- Research strategy, blog helped find sources.
- The blog taught me how to manage my time.
- Look deeper into my paper and searches for sources
- Diversify the databases you use. It leads to finding a lot more information.
- Some research techniques

Do you think the blog was useful to improving the skills required to finish English Comp. 112 successfully?

- Yes this helped a lot during the research process.
- Yes, very helpful.
- I liked the blog for the most part but it really didn't help me at all. It just felt like one more deadline to worry about.
- Yes, because now I know how to start with paper 3.
- Yes, it makes doing the research much easier and helps me narrow down the results.
- Yes
- No
- Yes, it was very useful.
- Yes, if I used blog again, it would make me be more organized.
- Yes
- Yes, I thought it was useful.
- Not really, because a lot of the info wasn't needed.
- Yes because I do not think I would have used the search strategies that were recommended.
- I do think the blog was useful to improving the skills required to complete this course.
- Yes

- No, I thought the blogs were pretty simple and would figure out easily. We already knew this.

- Yes, especially with my proposal paper.

- Yes

- Yes, very helpful.

- Yes

- Yes

- No

- Yes, very useful.

- Not entirely

- Yes

- It does help with my research for our last paper.

- Yes, I learned many new search strategies.

- It helped the workshop items stick. Making sure we used the skills.

- I'm not quite sure right now, because this was my first time using the blog.

- Yes, it was.

- Yes

- No, it was lame.

- Yes

- Yes

- Yes, it taught me to research carefully.

- Yes, it made me apply what I learned in the workshops so that I was confident in those skills for other papers.

- Yes, the blogs were useful in determining which sources were good to use and how to evaluate them.

- Yes, it elaborated on the lessons used in the library workshops.

- I believe that the blogs were very helpful to finishing English comp 112.

- I believe it was. The blogs incorporated the lessons we learned in the library workshops and these skills are helping me with my papers.

- Kind of useful somewhat not

- Yes

- Yes

- The blog was mainly very useful; however some parts seemed unnecessary and repetitive.

- Yes it was.

- The blog helped me use the skills I learned in the workshops. These skills helped me find good sources and I am still using these sources now.

- Yes, made me do the process.

- Yes, this class requires a lot of research and the workshops taught me a lot I did not already know about research strategies.

- It was kind of a nice assignment to gain points and discuss techniques for finding information.